

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT RIGHTS

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